

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Kohei SHIMODA, et al.

Confirmation Number: 7535

Application No.: 10/782,909

Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: February 23, 2004

Examiner: Ngloclan T. Mai

For: CHAIN-STRUCTURE METAL POWDER, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF, AND

CONDUCTIVITY-AFFORDED MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of January 10, 2007 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 3 and 4) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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